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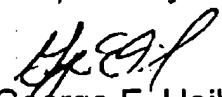
FROM: George E. Heibel, Esq.

RE: **U.S. Serial Application No. 09/347,315**  
**Our Ref. No.: RLL-1.1US**

Dear Examiner Spear:

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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